

**Expedited Procedure Requested  
Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: REED et al.	)	Examiner:	Diana J. Liao
Application No.: 10/786,621	)	Group Art Unit:	1793
Filed: February 25, 2004	)	Confirmation No.:	2048
Docket No. CPM03008 (3600-421-01)	)		

For: PHASE FORMATION OF OXYGEN REDUCED VALVE METAL OXIDES  
AND GRANULATION METHODS

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

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December 18, 2008

Sir:

This Amendment After Final is in response to the final Office Action dated July 23, 2008, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response. A petition for a two-month extension of time and the requisite fee are submitted herewith, thus making the response due on or before December 23, 2008.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.